

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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**Director of Public Works** 

PROJECT ID NO. WRDD000011 SAN GABRIEL DAM AND RESERVOIR POST-FIRE SEDIMENT REMOVAL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5

PROJECT UPDATE

As you are aware, Barnard Construction Company, Inc. (Barnard), was recently awarded a very large Flood Control District contract to remove sediment from our San Gabriel Reservoir. At the time of award, there was some concern about the successful low bidders past labor compliance history. We have worked closely with Barnard to ensure all appropriate requirements are complied with and offer the following summary of activities:

## Summary of Activities to Date:

- On March 17, 2004, we held preconstruction meetings with the Barnard project team, applicable regulatory agency staff, and other interested stakeholders to discuss the project, the construction schedule, and other project related issues.
- On April 13, 2004, we held a labor compliance meeting attended by Barnard management, their Labor Compliance Officer, and Public Works' labor compliance staff to discuss labor compliance and prevailing wage laws. Per our request, Barnard has regularly submitted certified payroll documents for their workers.
- Barnard has started to mobilize their equipment and staff and have installed jobsite office trailers for their use and for our inspection team.

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- Barnard has been working closely with Department staff on providing information and submittals in accordance with the contract specifications and to comply with the permit conditions set by regulatory agencies. Upon approval of these submittals, Barnard will then proceed with removing sediment from the reservoir. This operation is anticipated to commence in mid-July 2004.
- Barnard will utilize trucks to transport material to the fill site. They have submitted a proposal to enlarge an existing culvert underneath the East Fork Road, thereby, allowing construction traffic to drive under the road without interrupting public traffic on the road. We have approved the concept, and we are reviewing design parameters of the proposal. Once approved, the culvert construction will be a first order of work.
- Weekly meetings are held with Barnard, Public Works staff, and other project stakeholders to work out any outstanding issues.

We will continue to periodically update your Board on the status of this project. If you have any questions, please contact me or Gary Hartley at (626) 458-4016.

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